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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETIGN WITH SADAT - ARAB/ISRAELI ASPECTS

REF: STATE 198558

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH SADAT AND VP MUBARAK AUG. 20,
IN ALEXANDRIA, I INVITED THEIR ATTENTION TO THE DEPT'S
PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE RECENT ISRAELI ACTION ON WEST BANK

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AND GAZA TO ESTABLISH THREE NEW SETTLEMENTS AND TO EXTEND
ISRAELI SERVICES. SADAT KNEW OF OUR STATEMENTS AND
EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE. INTERESTING ENOUGH, HOWEVER, HE CALLED
THESE ESSENTIALLY "SIDE ISSUES." WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW
THEM DISTRACT US FROM THE PRIMARY MISSION OF MOVING
TOWARD PEACE.

2. SADAT RECALLED HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, FOR WHICH HE WAS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL. IN TRANSMITTING THE MESSAGE, FAHMY HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD ASKED US FOR SOME CLARIFICATIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE. HAD I HAD ANY FURTHER TALKS WITH FAHMY ON THE MATTER?

3. I REMINDED THE PRESIDENT THAT WE ARE STILL AWAITING A RESPONSE FROM THE PLO TO OUR SUGGESTED FORMULATION RE ACCEPTANCE OF UN RESOLUTION 242. AS YOU HAD INDICATED TO HIM, IF PLO RESPONSE IS POSITIVE, WE WILL ENTER INTO OPEN DIALOGUE WITH IT. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD COVER PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION PROBLEM AND SOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN CONTEXT OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT. I POINTED OUT THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR A "PALESTINIAN HOMELAND" ALREADY CONSTITUTES RECOGNITION THAT THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE INVOLVES THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. AS WE HAVE SAID IN THE PAST, ANY SETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE PROVISION FOR A PALESTINIAN ENTITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION. WE WOULD HOPE THESE TWO ELEMENTS, TAKEN TOGETHER, WOULD HELP RE-ASSURE PLO RE OUR VIEWS ON PALESTINIAN SOLUTION. FINAL FORM OF SOLUTION MUST, OF COURSE, BE RESOLVED IN CONTEXT GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. CONSIDERING WORK THAT NEEDS STILL BE DONE, GENEVA MIGHT HAVE TO SLIP TO DECEMBER.

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4. SADAT LISTENED AND NODDED HIS HEAD IN APPARENT AGREEMENT, BUT DID NOT SEEM TO WANT TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER. (HE WAS ALMOST TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS LATEST SOVIET CONTRETEMPS REPORTED SEPTTEL.) HE SAID ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT LIKELY PLO RESPONSE AND, SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, CHANGED THE SUBJECT. EILTS.
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER".

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